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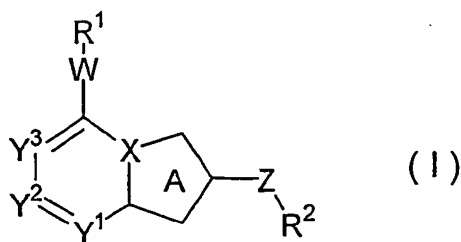
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(54) Title: NITROGEN-CONTAINING FUSED HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS



(57) Abstract: There is provided a CRF receptor antagonist comprising a compound of the formula (I): wherein, ring A is a 5-membered ring represented by the formula (A'): wherein X is a carbon and X¹ is an oxygen, a sulfur or -NR⁵-, or formula (A''): wherein X is a nitrogen and R⁶ is an optionally substituted hydrocarbyl, R¹ is an amino substituted by two optionally substituted hydrocarbyl groups, R² is an phenyl, Y¹ is CR^{3a} or a nitrogen, Y² is CR^{3b} or a nitrogen and Y³ is CR^{3c} or a nitrogen, provided that one or less of Y¹, Y², and Y³ is nitrogen, W is a bond, -(CH₂)_n-, and Z is a bond, -NR⁴-, etc.; or a salt thereof or a prodrug thereof.

